Addition with Base Ten Blocks

Do these activities with a partner and record your answers on your own paper.

1. Using your base ten blocks form three thousand seven hundred twenty four.

2. Using only the base ten blocks, add: seventy-eight and sixty-five.

3. Using only the blocks, add: nine, seventy-three, three hundred sixteen, and one thousand six hundred ninety seven.

4. Using only the blocks, add: two hundred thirty six and five hundred eighty nine.

5. Do activity 4 again but use only pencil and paper.

6. Discuss with your partner how the thinking in activity 5 relates to the process in activity 4? Record your thoughts.

Challenge Activity:

I bought a bag with five hundred blocks in it. I dropped the bag and the blocks scattered over the place. My friends Bill, Rachel, and Josh started gathering them up. Bill found one hundred thirty nine blocks, Rachel found fifty-seven, and Josh found two hundred seventy. Did they find them all? If not, how many are still lost?